Ey JOHN McELROY,

CHAPTER XXXVI.

BACK ACROSS THE RAPPAHAN-NOCK.

them had done so. This action necessitated a change in the order of wich-drawal, which was made properly and without confusion. It was a most for-Two Days After the Battle Burnside rantable blunder caused no confusion Gives the Order to Retreat-Why Lee The bridges were immediately ordered Did Not Pursue-A Boy Soldier's Rec- to be relaid, and the crossing continued

Red Clover



BATTLING WITH VIRGINIA MUD.

On Monday afternoon Burnside at last recognized the impossible, and ceived his orders at 6 o'clock, and at commanding the Sixth Corps, to make the preliminary arrangements, com-mencing the movement on the extreme left. He began by sending his artillery across the pontoon, where it went into position to cover the retirement. This was done by Capt. R. B. Ayres, after ward a division commander in the Fifth Corps; Devens's and Torbert's Brigades formed a line to cover the bridge, the pickets were called in, and the troops moved back under cover of the dark and the heavy storm of wind and rain from the south, which kept the noise of their movements from reaching the enemy. By 4 a. m. all the troops and material were safely across, and as the last straggler stepped on the bridge the fastenings were loosed, and the bridge swung round with the outgoing tide to the opposite shore. Gen. D. M. Couch, commanding the Second Corps, withdraw his men with celerity under many disadvantages or her celerity under many disadvantages or her fastenings were loosed. "An arduous march, performed with celerity under many disadvantages or her fastenings were loosed."

"An arduous march, performed with river. The town was immediately reoccupied and our position on the circumpts." Second Corps, withdrew his men with m. The Ninth Corps, under Gen. O.
Willcox, had a little skirmishing on and a street of the immense army of the imput of the immense army of the imme equal success, and had his whole corps on the north bank of the river by of a shall eminence from which they could have an enfillading fire. Gen. Getty threw forward some troops, Gen. Burns did the same, and these, with 200 of Eerdan's Sharpshooters, easily repelled the attack, and when everything was redy the corps moved out in perfect order, crossing its 16,000 officers and men with five batteries to the north bank in about two hours, a feat which shows the superb discipline and organization of the credit for this to Maj. Crosby, 21st Comn., Provost.

Marshal of the corps, and to his other Marshal of the corps, and to his other staff officers, who had their wagons all ready to move in ferfect co-operation with one another and the troops. Gen. With the grip, colds, fevers, rheuma- the Army of the Potomac would have

The more continued to the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to move all the artillery covering the covering the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to the commands. Presented the training the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to the commands. Presented the content of the bridges. Capt. Weed as directed to the content of the bridges and take it.

Never Without Heads—"I have tage in decident of the bridges. Capt. Weed and the bridges. withdrawal of the bridges. Capt. Weed was directed to move all the artillery immediately, the provost guard ordered to patrol the town, wake up all stragand make every possible exertion to get all absentees to their commands. Precise and detailed orders in writing were given for the withdrawal of the forces.

Hidney Trouble—"I had kidney trouble. A friend recommended Hood's Sarsaparilla. I tried one bottle and found I was better, took three more lind recovered." BENZ. LEVINE, 80 Village Street, aoston, Mars. given for the withdrawal of the forces. Under direction of Gen. Sykes one of his brigades covered the whole, order was carried out in the most adcurred; no haste or disorder.

took up two of the pontoon bridges Dollar. Prepared only by before all the troops directed to cross

position with such defenders, and that no certain information when the town half. Nobly has it responded to her

sition in close proximity to those of the sition in close proximity to those of the enemy, and as the day wore on they came to a mutual agreement to stop directed the lashings to be refastened. the useless and murderous firing. This the connection with the shore looser cessation was confirmed by a flag of truce from Burnside asking for a few hours in which to remove the wounded, who were lying so near the fatal stone wall that they could not be taken away so long as the firing was kept up. Lee readily granted this, and all who yet lived were put into ambulances and yet lived were put into ambulances and the staff, came upon yet lived were put into ambulances and the staff, came upon cessation was confirmed by a flag of truce from Burnside asking for a few there were strong criticisms upon the store on this side. The boats were strong criticisms upon the shore on this side. The boats were strong criticisms upon the shore on this side. The boats were strong criticisms upon the shore on this side. The boats were strong criticisms upon the firing was kept upon the bridge next the town, and then fastened down the stream to the shore on this side. The boats were strong criticisms upon the shore on this side. The boats were strong criticisms upon the shore on this side. The boats were also all connected by a cable, a half hitch being made around each stanching and storage of the enemy's day had no superior in battery power without annihilation. The more ardent of the Southerners felt that this could have been done and should have been done and had been entirely evacuated. I accord-ingly directed the bridge to be swung the Rappahannock to the old camps around, leaving four boats with crews around Falmouth. Gen. Franklin rebalks and chesses connecting the farceived his orders at 6 o'clock, and at once telegraphed to Gen. W. F. Smith, shore fell off into the water, the bridge commanding the Sixth Corps to make whole process occupying less than five

minutes. There are at this point, in-cluding those on shore, 34 boats." Lee's Order of Congratulation.

Gen. Lee issued the following order of congratulation to his troops;

noise of their movements from reach- this occasion to express to the officers aware of it when, on the morning of

Monday afternoon in repelling the at-tempt of the enemy to get possession tack without interruption, and gave tempt of the enemy to get possession tack without interruption, and gave had displayed in assaulting him in a of a shall eminence from which they battle in its own time, and on ground exceedingly pear encouragement for him

Thousands Are Sick

Why Lee Did Not Pursue.

As usual the Secessionists magnified city. As we climbed the banks we their victory to the utmost, yet every-passed an aristocratic stone mansion, built at the Union Iron Works at San was not a little blamed for his failure attack. Our supply of cartridges was throw more than three tons of metal at to do it; in fact, this spirit animates all better than our supply of food, and a time from all her guns. She perthe Southern histories of the war to that day I husbanded my resources formed the remarkable feat of steam-

swung easily round, was drawn in and of our army, that it was his efforts to an attempt which, in view of the mag nitude of his preparations and the extent of his force, seemed to be comparatively insignificant. Believing, therefore, that he would attack us, it was not deemed expedient to lose the advantages of our position and expose the troops to the fire of his inaccessi-General Orders, No. 138.

Hdqrs, Army of Northern Virginia,
Dec. 31, 1862.

the troops to the fire of his inaccessible batteries beyond the river, by advancing against him; but we were necessarily ignorant of the extent to which "I. The General commanding takes he had suffered, and only became "An arduous march, performed with chelerity, under many disadvantages, ex-

Lee Wise In Not Attacking.

As a matter of fact Lee showed th greatest wisdom in not attacking. The mac into the Rappahannock. It would then have been a fight to a finish, and the finish would have been that of the with one another and the troops. Gen. Butterfield was put in charge of the withdrawal of the Third Corps, and he reports as to the way this duty was performed:

"At 3:30 a. m. orders came to withdrawal of the butter butter and recommend from Fredericks-burg and recross the river, covering the well as cure. Keep it in your butter and recommend it is a wonderful preventive as well as cure. Keep it in your butter and recommend it is a wonderful preventive as well as cure. Keep it in your butter and payer slip, and costs less than many of the Potomac would have they had only taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, for indigestion, and recommend it is a first time and ager slip, and yet is light the Army of the Potomac would have they had only taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, for indigestion, and recommend it is serviced batterible slaugter which Lee's serviced batterible slaughter which Lee's serviced batterible slaugter slaughter slauges slaughter slaughter slaughter slaughter slaughter

against the walls of the city at that hour of the night would have been lit-tle hetter than madness. The Confed-erate field was arranged for defensive battle Blood Purifier

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Not a Patent Medicine. tect their troops against our advance, and Franklin would have been in good defersive position against attack on the next day. It is well known that after driving off attacking forces, if immediste pursuit can be made so that the victors can go along with the retreat-ing forces pell-mell, it is well enough The English View.

A correspondent of the London Times, who was attached to Lee's head quarrers, wrote to his paper that Decline and Fall in the history of the "long and that Lee and his subordinates "enjoyed a moment of proud grainfaction when the enemy, I can give and his subordinates "enjoyed a moment of proud grainfaction when the enemy, I can give no the 13th and engaging will get it for you have named and and and the enemy. I can give no the 13th and engaging will get it for you have named and and and the enemy. I can give no the 13th and engaging will get it for you have named and all in the performance of the enemy. I can give no the 13th and engaging will get it for you have named and all in the performance of the enemy. I can give no the results of the subordinates "enjoyed a moment of proud grainfaction when the enemy to the eight bank of the results and the enemy. I can give no the results and the enemy. I can give no the results and the enemy to the earth of the enemy. I can give no the results that enemy was about to force and all unitated all in the performance of their during the enemy. I can give no the results and the enemy in post-located to strangters were brought to expend the subordinates "enjoyed a moment of proud grainfaction when the subordinates "enjoyed a moment of proud grainfaction when the subordinates "enjoyed a moment of proud grainfaction when the results and the enemy to the enter the taking the subordinates "enjoyed and moment of proud grainfaction when the view of the Marshall the enemy to the enter the taking up of the bridges.

It is well enough to do so; but the attacks should be immediate, should be intended at a same with the success by command was two moures long that the enemy in post-locate the takes the best of the string to structure and the conditions of the give control to the string the energy in post-locate the string to structure and the enemy to the best of the string to the control that the enemy in post-locate the takes the string to the control that the tra troops of Europe." The same correspondent also declared that it was idle for any competent observer to say that marked men could have carried that manding the rear guard, I could have passing under cover, and at the same citizens. instant the serpent seized the index finger of the soldier's hand. The re-

did not share in this belief.

greater loss. The battle of Fred-ericksburg was a great and unprofitable sacrifice of human life made, thru pressure from the rear, upon General who should have known better and who doubtless acted against his judgment. If I had been in Gen. Burnpassage of the river and march the army against Lee's stronghold."

A Boy Soldier's Recollections.

attack on the Left:
"The morning of December 12th, us opposite Fredericksburg, is situated on the south side of the Rappahannock River. We spent the whole day in watching our bat-teries throwing shells over the river position with such defenders, and that mo certain information when the town the men who assaulted were wantonly sacrificed.

The Retreat Across the Rappahannock. I have already spoken of what happened on the dismal Sunday following the battle. Monday, the next day, passed in the same way, with somewhat less of both cannon and musketry firing. The skirmishers maintained their position in close proximity to those of the same way, with some what it would be exceedingly difficult to take the boats un the stream with the stre tested the laying of these bridges and many a poor fellow lost his life. But at last they were ready, and on the morning of the 12th, in a dense fog, we crossed about two miles below the this day. Lee himself gives color to by dining and supping on parched corn. ing from California to the West Indies these criticisms by the apologetic tone of his report, in which he says:

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did not share in this belief.

"I have been asked if Burnside could have been victorious at Fredericksburg. Such a thing was hardly possible. Perhaps no General could have accomplished more than Burnside did, and it was possible for him to have suffered to the country love. The bettle of Fredericksburg is regard to same occurrence and the actual truth be given. with others in regard to same occur-rence and the actual truth be given.— W. H. Webber, Postmaster, Lampasas, Tex.

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Roster of Iowa Troops.

Comrade Harvey Reed is energetically at work collating material for the publication of the history and rosters of Iowa soldiers provided for by the

of his report, in which he says:

"The attack on the 13th had been so easily repulsed, and by so small a part ed and eaten a hearty breakfast. Up she outstripped the rest of the fleet and was in at the death of the Spanish cruisers. She has been outclassed by the later built ships, and now ranks 15th on our list of battleships. She has been recently stationed at the navy ard at Puget Sound .- Editor National Pribune.

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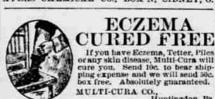
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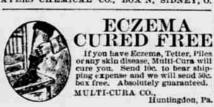
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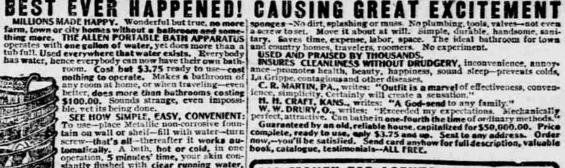
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